

Committee Meetings

LABOR, HHS AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education began appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

BUDGET PRIORITIES—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Department of Education Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2002. Testimony was heard from Representative George Miller of California and Roderick R. Paige, Secretary of Education; and public witnesses.

PROPOSALS TO PERMIT PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON BUSINESS CHECKING ACCOUNTS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on proposals to permit payment of interest on business checking accounts and sterile reserves maintained at Federal Reserve Banks. Testimony was heard from Laurence H. Meyer, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Donald V. Hammond, Acting Under Secretary, Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 146, Great Falls Historic District Study Act of 2001; H.R. 182, Eight Mile River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2001; and H.R. 601, to ensure the continued access of hunters to those Federal lands included within the boundaries of the Craters of the Moon National Monument in the State of Idaho pursuant to the Presidential Proclamation 7373 of November 9, 2000, and to continue the applicability of the Taylor Grazing Act to the disposition of grazing fees arising from the use of such lands. Testimony was heard from Representatives Simmons and Pascrell; Joseph E. Doddridge, Acting Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

VETERANS' HOSPITAL EMERGENCY REPAIR ACT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on H.R. 811, Veterans' Hospital Emergency Repair Act. Testimony was heard from Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D., Under Secretary, Department of

Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

BRIEFING—WORLD TRADE THREATS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on World Trade Threats. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING—KHOBAR TOWERS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Terrorism Working Group met in executive session to receive a briefing on Khobar Towers. The Group was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings to review intelligence programs, 10 a.m., S-407, Capitol. Subcommittee on Interior, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Appropriations' Subcommittee on the Interior on issues dealing with the wildfire program, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn Building.

Committee on the Budget: to resume hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2002, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings on whether Congress should allow states to require all remote sellers to collect and remit sales taxes on deliveries into that state, provided that states and localities dramatically simplify their sales and use tax systems, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider their fiscal year 2002 budgetary views and estimates on programs which fall within the jurisdiction of the committee and agree on recommendations it will make thereon to the Committee on the Budget; S. 230, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a former Bureau of Land Management administrative site to the City of Carson City, Nevada, for use as a senior center; S. 254, to provide further protections for the watershed of the Little Sandy River as part of the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit, Oregon; S. 329, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a theme study on the peopling of America; S. 498, entitled "National Discovery Trails Act of 2001"; S. 506, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land exchange between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Huna Totem Corporation; S. 507, to implement further the Act (Public Law 94-241) approving the covenant to establish a commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America; and S. 509, to establish the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area in the State of Alaska, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.